

Today's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st February, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

NOTICE.

BERT WILLIAMS'S GREAT WORLD CIRCUS

AND
TRAINED ANIMAL EXHIBITION.



IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE LATE
ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER THIS
MORNING.

THE OPENING PERFORMANCE
IS UNAVOIDABLY
POSTPONED

TILL

TO-MORROW
(TUESDAY), 2ND FEBRUARY.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, PRYCE CENTRAL, on MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1897, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1896, and of approving by resolution of the proposed purchase of Hong-Ham Island Lots Nos. 171 and 172 and of the proposed extensions to Kowloon Marine Lot No. 27 and to Hong-Ham Marine Lot No. 1 on terms to be stated.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, PRYCE STREET, on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1897, at 12.30 of the clock in the afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1896, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Controlling Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1897.

J. AREVALO,
MANILA DENTIST,
No. 1, RIFON TERRACE.

MODERN AMERICAN SCHOOL AND
APPARATUS.

DOES all sorts of artificial Teeth and
Fillings.
CURES DISEASES OF THE MOUTH AND
BAD TEETH.

Patients will be attended at their own houses if
desired from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.
OFFICE HOURS from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.
No. 3, RIFON TERRACE.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.

FROM LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "GLENARTNEY"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf
and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon,
whence delivery may be obtained.

Options Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before Noon
TODAY.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Consignees are requested to present all Claims
for damages and/or shortages not later than
the 14th instant, otherwise they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 8th instant, at 11 A.M.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).

THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG,"
Captain Osterbridge, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 18th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

Today's Advertisements.

MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

I HAVE This Day HANDED OVER
in CHARGE of this Branch of the Bank to
Mr. JOHN THURBURN.

J. W. R. TAYLOR.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day OPENED a BRANCH
of our Firm in SHANGHAI.
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

NOTICE.

WE have This Day established ourselves
at HANKOW and CANTON.
Mr. JOH THYEN has been Admitted a
PARTNER in our Firm at HANKOW.
Mr. W. MELCHERS has been Authorized
to Sign our Firm per Procurator at CANTON.
MELCHERS & CO.
Hongkong and Shanghai,
1st February, 1897.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF BILLIARD TABLES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON

SATURDAY, the 6th February, 1897,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,
ONE THURSTON'S ENGLISH, Full Sized
BILLIARD TABLE, with BALLS, &c., &c.
ONE SMALL PARLOUR BILLIARD
TABLE, and CUES.

Also
A QUANTITY OF
JAPANESE BAMBOO FURNITURE.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897.

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Intimations.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison
with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1897.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House,
bought direct at first hand, imported in wood
and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all inter-
mediate profits, and enabling us to supply the
best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on
Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month
before use. When required for drinking at
once it should be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner
Wines of very superior Vinages. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Clarets, including the lowest
Prices, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the juice of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currants,
as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be
pure COGNAC, the difference in price being
merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKEY
marked "W" is universally popular, and is
pronounced by the best local connoisseurs
to be superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and SPIRITS
to be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1896.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

We gather from the latest Indian
exchanges that the panic which has set in
amongst the trading and artisan classes at
Bombay has at length reached the
mill-hands and two Bombay mills have
closed in consequence of the determination
of the workers to leave the city. Up to
the date of latest advices the mills had
been particularly free from plague and
the panic is ascribed chiefly to the exam-
ple set to the men by some native man-
agers in leaving the city. A general
exodus of the mill population of the city
would mean the addition of close upon a
quarter of a million people to the ranks of
the unemployed in the country districts.
These people would soon exhaust their
resources and the burden of supporting men
who had voluntarily abandoned remunerative
employment would probably fall upon the
State at a time when the famine will be
absorbing every available rupee.

Letters continue to be received by the
Press urging the closing or removal of the
Government Law Class and the closing of
the schools and colleges. The Govern-
ment has, however, wisely decided not to
close these institutions in order to give no
encouragement to the wholesale flight now
taking place. Next to the measures that are
being taken to keep the city clean, nothing
can be of greater importance than the
endeavours that are being made to hold
the population together and prevent
unnecessary panic.

The lamentable death of Dr. MANER
has a significance from a professional
point of view which must be regarded as
of the highest importance. It establishes
the important fact that a large category
of cases in which the early and pre-
dominating symptoms are mainly respira-
tory are really cases of bubonic plague.
In three instances the bodies of hospital
patients who were reported to have died
of pneumonia have been examined during
the last few days, and bacterial observa-
tion made it clear that, though there was
a complete absence of bubonic symptoms,
plague was the real cause of death. This
being the case, the difficulty of dealing
with the disease is so much the greater,
inasmuch as these cases have not the more
obvious symptoms of plague, and are prob-
ably diagnosed as pneumonia, fever, or
bronchitis; hence they are not reported as
plague, and no disinfection or other
effective precaution is taken.

Plague has also broken out at Poona
and the authorities are taking all possible
steps to prevent the spread of the disease.
So far as can be ascertained the cases are
confined to persons who had lately visited
Bombay; but this can hardly now be said of
Surat, where the plague seems to
have got a firm footing.

Crowded meetings of all nationalities
continue to be held at various places to
discuss methods of checking the spread of
the disease and to provide for the segre-
gation of the inmates of houses in which
cases have occurred.

TELEGRAMS.

[Special to Hongkong Telegraph.]

THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

A CORRECTION.

SINGAPORE, February 1.

It should have been stated that the
Municipal vote is \$5,000 for festivities and
\$50,000 for a permanent memorial of
public utility. The Government contri-
bute equal sums for these objects. The
general public will be asked to contribute
\$100,000 towards the memorial.

[The message published in our last issue,
which is now corrected, read as follows:—The
Singapore Municipality have voted \$50,000
for festivities in connection with the celebra-
tion of the Queen's long reign in June next. Crowded
thousands of dollars have also been set for
a permanent memorial of public utility. The
Government has signified its intention to
contribute similar sums towards these objects.]

REUTER'S MESSAGE.

SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

LONDON, January 31.

In the House of Commons Mr. Eph
Chamberlain moved the re-appointment of the
Chartered South Africa Company. Mr. Chamberlain
announced the addition of Sir J. Lubbock.
Mr. J. M. Maclean moved an amendment to
drop the Enquiry, which he said was inad-
visable and needless.

Sir J. Lubbock, who seconded the amend-
ment, said that it was the duty of the House
to consider the best interests of the Empire
and that the enquiry would revive racial
feeling. The debate was adjourned.

On the resumption of the debate Mr.
Chamberlain made a most impressive im-
pression, in which he urged that the proposed
bill must apply equally to Jameson's raid and
causes thereof, namely, the grievances of the
Uitlanders. He said that President Kruger's
repeated promises to consider the grievances
of the Uitlanders had been broken and that
portions of the laws recently passed in the
Transvaal were contrary to the Convention
and had not improved the situation, which
had latterly shown an undoubted
upward trend.

Mr. Maclean withdrew his amendment
and Mr. Chamberlain's motion was carried
by a division.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

The India Office has ordered the
Medical Department now on leave from
India to return immediately, and has applied

TELEGRAMS.

Army Medical Department for volunteers for
plague service in India. Those who are selected
will start for Bombay immediately.

(Special to Koko Chronicle.) THE CAREW CASE.

THE DEFENCE OF MRS. CAREW.
YOKOHAMA, Jan. 23rd.
Mr. Lowder to-day com-enced his address in
defence of Mrs. Carew. He was about half
through it at noon, when the Court adjourned till
Monday.

In the afternoon the jury inspected the house
lately occupied by the Carews.

(From Koko Chronicle.) THE GERMAN MINISTER AND THE STUDENTS.

TOKYO, January 23rd.
A communication was recently made by the
authorities of the Metropolitan Police Bureau
to the German Minister in regard to the alleged
savage behaviour of two students of the
Seijo Gakko. The German Minister has replied
saying that he had no intention of striking the
students, but if the whip did in fact touch them,
he was very sorry and ready to apologise. The
Police authorities have referred the reply to the
Foreign Minister to-day.

As a question was asked respecting this
matter in the House of Representatives, it is said
that the results of negotiations will be reported
to the House and the German Minister will write
a letter of apology. It has been rumoured that
the German Minister will go home in conse-
quence of the trouble. This is incorrect. His
term of service has expired, but His Excellency
will not return to Germany until the negotiations
for the supplementary treaty are completed. He
is therefore expected to remain in Tokio till
about March next.

THE NAVAL PROGRAMME.

TOKYO, January 23rd.
The Ministry has amended the naval ex-
tension scheme proposed by the last Ministry.
It has been decided to increase the tonnage of
the four first-class cruisers, for the first stage of
the extension, from 7,500 tons to 9,000 tons and
also to extend the steel armour below the water-
line. Alterations have also been made in the
plans for the two first-class cruisers for the
second stage, making the vessels armoured
cruisers. When the whole programme is com-
pleted, there will in the Japanese Navy eight
armoured cruisers, each 9,000 tons, and four
battle-ships, each of 14,000 tons. The total
tonnage of the naval fleet will be over 225,000
tons.

(From L'Avant du Tonkin.) THE ITALIAN CHAMBER.

PARIS, January 22nd.

The Italian Chamber is dissolved.

THE TSAR.

PARIS, January 22nd.

The Tsar was present yesterday at a review of
the St. Petersburg Garrison.

THE PLAGUE CONFERENCE.

PARIS, January 24th.

France will join the sanitary conference which
is to meet at Vienna. She has forbidden the
Mahomedans of Algeria, Tunis, and Senegal
to go on pilgrimage to Mecca.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

PARIS, January 23rd.

The bubonic plague is spreading in towns in
the neighbourhood of the city of Bombay.

(From Bangkok Observer.) NOTHING SETTLED.

LONDON, Jan. 15th.

The statement of the *New York World* as to
Spain and America having come to an agree-
ment with respect to Cuba is denied in
Madrid.

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, January 17th.

Count Goluchowski is visiting Berlin and
has been received with marked honour. There
is no doubt that his visit has a special political
object.

THE NIGER EXPEDITION.

LONDON, January 19th.

Two hundred machines have been ordered to
Paris, as well as the *St. George*, the flagship
at the Cape.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

PARLIAMENT has been opened. The Queen's
speech refers to the massacres in Turkey, to the
Dongola expedition, and to the Arbitration treaty
with America. *The Queen further directs the
Government to take the most stringent possible
measures to eradicate the plague in India.*

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Princess Wilhelm* left for a cruise yester-
day.

The French cruiser *Ily* left yesterday for
Touzon.

A CRICKET match—Hills v. Plains—will be
played to-morrow, trundling commencing at
11 a.m.

All the Banks and Insurance Offices, the Post
Office and other Government offices will be
closed to-morrow.

ANOTHER military concert will be given in the
Theatre Royal on Saturday, 6th inst., when the
Battalion of Waterloo illustrated by music will be
one of the chief items.

The small boat arrives from Shanghai to-
morrow and it is highly probable that she will
be here in the forenoon—the Post Office will be
opened for delivery for one hour only, but no
letters will be sent out from the Post Office.

There was a good deal of surprise to the city
to-day at about 11 a.m. when it was known that
the *M. M. Looz* *Chambers*, which was to leave
at daylight for Shanghai, was coming up the
harbour again. We are informed by the manager
of the Company that a dense fog obscured the
Ly-co-moon Pass, and after waiting a while, it
was decided to take the vessel through the
Green Island Pass instead. The fog showed no
sign of clearing for several hours and the naviga-
tion of Ly-co-moon with so large a vessel would
have been very hazardous under the circum-
stances.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased
to recognise, provisionally, Mr. C. Beutmann
as in charge of the Danish Consulate, during the
temporary absence of the Consul for Denmark.

A DIVIDEND of 7 1/2 per cent. on the redoubled
share capital for the working year ending 30th
June, 1896, has been declared by the Florio
Rubattino Steamship Company.

DURING the week ended the 17th ultimo 124
cases of small-pox were reported in Koko pre-
fecture. In Osaka 45 cases were reported on the
17th ultimo, 24 cases occurring in the urban
districts.

The departure of the *Belge* for Honolulu and
San Francisco is indefinitely postponed. The
next Pacific Mail liner leaving for San
Francisco will be the *Peru*, sailing at noon on
the 13th instant.

"To-morrow being Chinese New Year Day
there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Tele-
graph*, and we therefore avail ourselves of this
opportunity to wish our Chinese friends
A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE *L. & C. Express* says:—The present
year may see a change of Governors in Hong-
kong, as Sir William Robinson is believed to
desire a holiday. Rumour also says that the
Governor of the Straits will be returning on
leave, and is unlikely to go out again.

Mr. F. L. V. Maryn, manager of *Willison's*
Great World Circus, informs us that the opening
has had to be postponed until to-morrow night
in consequence of some of the equipment being
late in coming to hand. The horses and animals
have arrived here in splendid condition.

OWING to pressure on our space we are reluctantly
compelled to hold over a budget of interest-
ing "Tid Bits" by Early Bird. We shall
give them together with a report of Wednesday's
gallops in our next issue, i.e. on the 3rd instant,
and we promise our readers that they will be
interesting.

MESSES Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their
Share Report issued this afternoon state:—
During the few days open to business a fair
amount has been transacted, but without chang-
ing rates to any material extent, with the excep-
tion of China Fires, which have had a sharp
rise.

It is very annoying to strangers in these parts
to be cheated by offensive coolies demanding
more than the proper fare. This morning
one of this ilk, Luo Lung, was charged at the
Magistracy with trying to extort more than
the legal fare and, admitting the offence, was
promptly fined \$5.

LEUNG CHAI, a tailor, was charged before Capt.
Hastings this morning for carrying arms through
the streets on the 30th ultimo without a license
and threatening to shoot P.C. 302, who arrested
him. He was fined \$100 with the alternative of
6 months' hard labour for the first offence and
14 days for the second. Being unable to pay the
fine, he went in.

A RUMOUR was current this morning to the
effect that four cases of plague had been reported
to the Sanitary authorities during the past 36
hours. We have made careful inquiries and are
glad to find that there is not a vestige of truth
in the report. No cases of plague have been
reported for a long time past, and the death-rate
is lower than it has been for years past.

THE *L. & C. Express* says:—The able letters
that are appearing from the Special Correspondent
of the *Times* in China as to the finances of
that country are certainly interesting reading,
and if the facts are not quite new they are at
all events presented under new aspects. They
again exemplify a point we have more than once
commented on, namely, the curious spectacle
of a people that, in its commercial classes,
can stand forth as one of the highest prob-
ably, whilst the official classes vie with Turkey
for corruption and venality. Unlike Turkey,
however, both official and commercial classes
in China spring from the same stock.

The letters tend to show, as other recent evi-
dence has done, that China can support the bur-
den of the large indemnity she has to pay, even
without an increase of the tariff, if her finances
were only properly administered, and with more
liberal treatment accorded to commerce. The
foreign merchant is also not unwilling to agree to
an augmentation of the tariff in return for a
definite knowledge of what *his* consuls, and
for increase in facilities of transport.

THE *L. & C. Express* says:—The able letters
that are appearing from the Special Correspondent
of the *Times*

Intimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business TO-MORROW, the 2nd February :—
For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI-BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.
For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.
For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Hongkong Agency,
M. L. LAZAR.

For the **BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,**
HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHEBALD,
Manager.
For the **YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,**
NAO NABEKURA,
Agent.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [188]

THE Undermentioned **INSURANCE**
OFFICES will be **CLOSED** for the
Transaction of Public Business **TO-MORROW,**
the 2nd February :-
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.
General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
N. J. EDE,

Secretary,
UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LD.
L. KENNARD DAVIS,
Acting Agent,
NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE CO., LD.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents,
HONGKONG INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LTD.

GEORGE L. TOMLIN,
 Acting Secretary,
 CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
 Wm. MACBEAN,
 Manager,
 THE STRAITS INSURANCE CO., LD.
 Hongkong, 1st February, 1897. [192
 HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
 STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 8 PER CENT., or \$1.20 per Share, DECLARED at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 1st February, 1897.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply to the OFFICE of the COMPANY for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board.

by Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1896. [215]

**THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the **EIGHTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**
of **SHAREHOLDERS** will be held at the
COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 20th Jan., to TUESDAY, the 9th February (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and
Agency Company, Limited.
Agents for the
Kowloon Land and Building
Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [181]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.—

NOTICE is hereby given that the
ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEET-
ING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this
CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL,
HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 13th day of
February next, at NOON, for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the Court of Directors,
together with a Statement of Account to 31st
December, 1896.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. Cashier Manager
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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE is hereby given that the **REGISTERS OF SHARES** of the Corporation will be **CLOSED** from **SATURDAY, the 30th January** current, to **SATURDAY, the 13th day of February** next (both days inclusive), during which period no **TRANSFER OF SHARES** can be made.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Clerk Manager.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1897. [197]

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the
COMPANY will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE,**

No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on
MONDAY, the 15th February, at Twelve o'clock
NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement
of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for
the year ending 31st December, 1906.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 15th March,
both days inclusive.

By Order, GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Manchester, 15th January, 1907.

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Intimations.

HONG KONG HONG KONG HONG KONG

WATKINS & CO.
Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China
of China
SCOTT & BOWNE, LTD.
THOMAS BEECHAM
BOYELL, LIMITED
BERKELEY & CO., LIMITED
GRANVILLE & CO.
FRANCIS & CO., LIMITED
THEO. HUGHES & CO.
KOPS
WATKINS & CO.
Sole Agents for Hongkong and the Empire of China

COMPOUND SYRUP OF THE HYPOPHOSPHITES.

THE CLUB HOTEL HOTEL METROPOLE

5, BOND, YOKOHAMA. 1, TSUKUJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT. Experienced English matron in attendance.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures: every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of meeting either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

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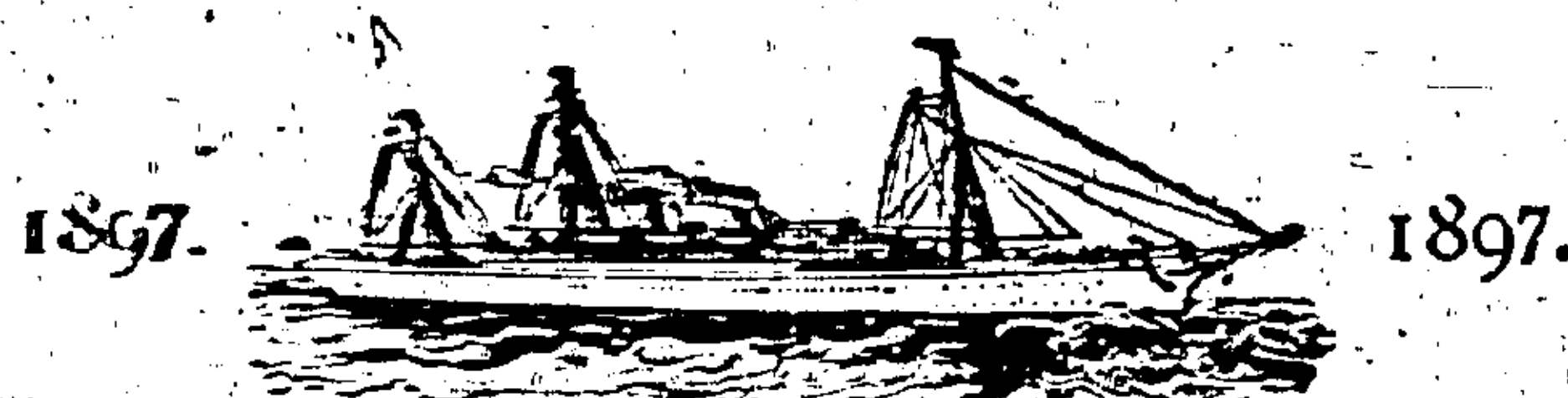
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City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu) Tuesday, 23rd March, at Noon.

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